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Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20036

#### Information

Description: 12-3J14-23-B-0580  
Bid invitation number: 2000009558  
Purchasing Group: AMS-Fruit and Veg

## SOLICITATION

### Domestic Commodity Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 08/28/2023 15:20:00  
Offer Due Date : 09/05/2023 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/05/2023 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

Dried Fruit Product, Section 32 SOLICITATION NO: 2000009558

\*\*\*\* This is a re-solicitation for Dried Sweet Cherries \*\*\*\*\* (Nov 2023-Jan 2024).\*\*\*\*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Dried Fruit pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 13, 2023. Deliveries are to be made between November 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

The specialist for this solicitation is Shelia Tucker, Shelia.Tucker@usda.gov. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Kyla Stoufer, Kyla.Stoufer@usda.gov. Please contact the specialist first, with questions regarding the requirements of this solicitation. Do not discuss your bid prices with the specialist or contracting officer before award.

Set asides include:

111406 CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB 100% Small Business Set-aside

Crop Year:

2022 and 2023 will be acceptable for this solicitation, for CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB

\*\* For a new-to-USDA contractor and existing contractors who are bidding on new products, a probationary period may be implemented in which awards are limited to 10 truckloads per product. Contractor must demonstrate successful delivery of at least five (5) truckloads of product in order to be removed from probationary status on future solicitations. For the purposes of this rule, successful delivery is defined as product delivered on-time and in acceptable condition according to the terms and conditions of the contract. Any delivery problems directly attributable to the Government will not be held against the contractor.\*\*

Per FDA regulations, the following minimum mandatory labeling requirements for all foods, whether sold or donated, must appear on the label: Name of the food, Manufacturer's name and location, Net weight of the product, Ingredients list, and Allergen declaration. These requirements are codified in 21 CFR 101.2, 101.3, 101.4 and 101.5. See the following link for a guidance manual:  
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm064894.htm>

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

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This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; however, the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three. To determine the number of destinations, review the "Tendering Text" for the lot, which will indicate the City and State for each stop. Bidders may submit different prices for each stop. However, a price is required on all line items within the lot.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their bids direct to the offshore destination or to the port.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to cities on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2023; the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated January 2021; SECTION 32 Specification for Dried Sweet Cherries dated February 2021; or this Solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202)720-2782.

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**See attached documents:**

1 . Section\_32\_Specification\_for\_Dried\_Sweet\_Cherries\_February\_2021

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- 2 . CommoditySpecificationforDriedFruitJanuary2021
- 3 . AMS Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement April 2023

**Attributes :**

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).  
 Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION#S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13).MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid (must be an officer of the company or a person authorized to execute contracts/purchase orders on behalf of the bidder).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

- Permitted values:
- Yes

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- No
- N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
<b>10 FRUIT, DRIED</b>						
<b>20 CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB</b>						
<b>30 HOMESTEAD FL</b>						
40	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	33033	1,728.000	CS
<b>50 ORLANDO FL</b>						
60	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	32805	1,728.000	CS
<b>70 OFFSHORE: CAGUAS PR</b>						
80	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	00725	1,728.000	CS
<b>90 AUSTIN TX</b>						
100	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	78744	1,728.000	CS
<b>110 LOT: 20393224 CLEVELAND OH / DAYTON O...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 20393224 CLEVELAND OH / DAYTON OH / GROVE CITY OH /						
120	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	44110	432.000	CS
130	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	45417	691.000	CS
140	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	43123	605.000	CS
<b>150 LOT: 109525050 FORT WAYNE IN / INDIAN...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 109525050 FORT WAYNE IN / INDIANAPOLIS IN /						
160	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	46805	1,270.000	CS
170	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	46241	458.000	CS
<b>180 LOT: 152829195 FREDERICKSBURG VA / RI...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 152829195 FREDERICKSBURG VA / RICHMOND VA / SALEM VA /						
190	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	22408	576.000	CS

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200	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	23220	576.000	CS
210	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	01/01/2024-01/15/2024	24153	576.000	CS
<b>220 LOT: 214991313 CLARE MI / CLINTON TOW...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 214991313 CLARE MI / CLINTON TOWNSHIP MI / TAYLOR MI /						
230	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	48617	432.000	CS
240	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	48036	432.000	CS
250	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	48180	864.000	CS
<b>260 LOT: 343617177 EGG HARBOR NJ / VINELA...</b>						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 343617177 EGG HARBOR NJ / VINELAND NJ /						
270	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	08234	864.000	CS
280	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	08360	864.000	CS
<b>290 LOT: 414338065 LATHAM NY / SYRACUSE NY /</b>						
300	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	12110	864.000	CS
310	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/16/2023-11/30/2023	13209	864.000	CS
<b>320 LOT: 476709624 BOSTON MA / HATFIELD MA /</b>						
330	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	02118	1,296.000	CS
340	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	11/01/2023-11/15/2023	01038	432.000	CS
<b>350 LOT: 711905457 MILFORD DE / NEWARK DE /</b>						
360	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	19963	864.000	CS
370	111406	CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB	12/01/2023-12/15/2023	19702	864.000	CS
<b>Total Quantity for CHERRIES DRIED SWEET PKG # 8/2 LB</b>					<b>20,736.000</b>	<b>CS</b>
<b>Total Quantity for Invitation</b>					<b>20,736.000</b>	<b>CS</b>

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